

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 11-16, 18-22 and 24 are requested to be cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-10, 17 and 23 are currently being amended. Claim 25 is being added. No new matter is being added.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-10, 17, 23 and 25 are now pending in this application.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 1, 10, 11, 16, 17 and 21-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Specifically, the Patent Office states on page 2 of the Office Action, “Claims directs to program per se or software per se.”

This rejection is not understood with respect to claims 1 and 17, which are directed to a device, or claim 23 directed to a system, where none of claims 1, 17 or 23 are directed to a program per se or software per se as alleged by the Patent Office.

This rejection is moot with respect to claims 16, 21 and 22, which have been cancelled.

Claim 10 has been amended to be directed to a computer-readable medium, and as such is directed to statutory subject matter.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. 2003/0070172 to Matsuzaki et al. (“Matsuzaki”). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection at least for the following reasons.

Independent claim 1, as amended, recites:

An information output device for outputting a plurality of information in order, comprising:

aggregate output control means for controlling the output of an aggregate of said information as the unit thereof based on a designation data having described therein each of command for each of event, and each associated with each of said aggregate of said information as the unit thereof, and in correspondence with said event; and

information output control means for controlling the output of said information contained in said aggregate based on ordinal data having described therein the output order of said information, and associated with said aggregate;

wherein said aggregate output control means controls the output of said aggregate based on a first ordinal data associated with a first aggregate among said aggregate of a plurality of said ordinal data, to outputting said information contained in said first aggregate, when the output of said first aggregate has been instructed;

wherein said aggregate output control means controls the output of said aggregate based on a first designation data associated with said first aggregate of a plurality of said designation data, to instructing the output of a second aggregate among said aggregate or said first aggregate, and in correspondence with said event, when said information contained in said first aggregate has been outputted;

wherein said aggregate output control means controls the output of said aggregate based on a second ordinal data associated with said second aggregate of a plurality of said ordinal data, to outputting said information contained in said second aggregate, when the output of said second aggregate has been instructed; and

wherein said aggregate output control means controls the output of said aggregate based on a second designation data associated with said second aggregate of a plurality of said among said designation data, to instructing the output of a third aggregate among said aggregate, said first aggregate or said second aggregate, and in correspondence with said event when said information contained in said second aggregate has been outputted.

With the aggregate output control means of claim 1, as amended, for example, information being output next can be changed with information being output at that time when the event is generated, even if it is the same event. That is, information being output can be changed in accordance with the affiliation of the generated event. As a result, by appropriately describing the event response control, necessary information can be continuously received at an appropriate timing and in appropriate order with minimal operation. Matsuzaki does not disclose the aggregate output control means as specifically recited in claim 1, nor realize the advantages of such a structure.

Independent claims 8-10 and 23 includes features corresponding to those discussed above with respect to claim 1, and are patentable for analogous reasons.

The dependent claims are patentable for at least the same reasons as their respective independent claims, as well as for further patentable features recited therein.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing or a credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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